

It is my wish and desire that a negro woman named Betty should live and remain where she now is and it is further my wish that to the lot she may fall shall be made equal to that of the other Children of my Brother James —

Item I give and bequeath to John Gays and Betsey Bell, Daughters of my Brother Samuel Bell deceased, one negro fellow named Charles & the balance of the negroes belonging myself and my Brother James Bell dec^d I give to the above mentioned Sylvia Gays and Betsey Bell to be equally Divided between them.

Item If my Debt can be discharged without the Sale of my Stock it is my wish that it be equally divided between the Children of my Brother Samuel Bell dec^d.

Item The Money that may remain from the Sale of the the new Book after paying for him to go to the payment of negro Carver —

Item All my household furniture (except one Bed which I give to my nephew Samuel Bell) together with my Black-Smiths Tools I give and bequeath to my Sister-in-law Betsey Bell —

Item It is my wish that Bobt Charles live and remain in peaceable Possession on the place he now lives for the Term of six years and that he have the liberty of clearing as much as twenty thousand Cabbaltes, and that he receive no more wages than for his own use, I wish the Capt to be carried on for the present Year with the Negroes belonging to the Plantation under the direction of Jeremiah Howell and that he be paid for the time after leaving the Book agreeable to our former Contract —

I do hereby constitute and appoint my Friend Isaac Lane Executor to this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this twenty second day of June any, one thousand eight hundred and one.

Witness

Benjamin Howell

And James

James Harris

William Bell Seal

Northampton County, N. H. March Court 1801
This Will was proved by the Oaths of Benjamin Howell & Jeremiah Gages, at the same time Isaac Lane qualified as Executor thereunto. Ordered to be Certified and Recorded.

Test C. Mayner & Co.

Robert Hicks's Will

I Robert Hicks of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being of sound and Perfect Mind and Memory, and Calling to Mind the uncertainty of life, and the Certainty of Death do this twenty second day August in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred make and Publish this my last Will and Testaments in manner and form following that is to say —

first I give and bequeath my Son Thomas Hicks the plantation whereon he now lives which has never been bounded so as it shall contain the one third part of all my lands to him and his Heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my Son James Hicks the Plantation whereon he now lives, which has never been bounded so as it shall contain the one third of my Lands to him and his Heirs forever, with this Condition that he shall first pay unto my Executor the Sum of ten Pounds Virginia Money it being the sum he has agreed to pay.

I bequeath unto my Son John Hicks the other third of my Land it being the Plantation whereon I now live for his natural life, it having never been bounded so as, and at his death I give it to his Child, or Children in such manner as he the said John may choose leaving of it in his Power to any which of them, or all or any part of them, he sees fit to leave and their Heirs forever.

With respect to laying out the Plantations which I have given, and lent to my Sons, my wish is that they may lay off the Land themselves, reserving the Plantations to each of them as I have given, and to contain the one third part of all my Lands as above mentioned, and having particular regard not to interfere with each others cleared land it can be done without, and in case my Sons cannot agree so as to erect themselves my Will is that each of them choose a other which often when choose may choose one other who shall then proceed to lay off and Divide the lands agreeable to the true intent and meaning of what I have herein stated and their decision shall be obligatory on my Sons —

I give and bequeath unto all my Sons & Daughters and Heirs & Heirs Daughters of my Son Tho^s eight of my choice Cattle to be equally

